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Michael Specht, Supervisor
Town of Ramapo
237 Route 59
Suffern, NY 10901

Re: *Parking for Village of Airmont Election*

Dear Mr. Specht:

I am the attorney for the County of Rockland and its Board of Elections. I write on the Board's behalf. Today, Tuesday March 19, 2019, is election day the Village of Airmont. I understand that the Town of Ramapo Town Hall is the designated polling place for the election.

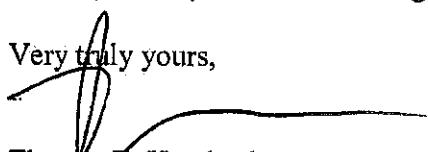
I have been advised that, despite the election, public access to the Town Hall parking lot is entirely or nearly entirely blocked off. From photos posted online, it appears that all spaces next to the building and all handicap accessible parking are restricted from public use.

As you may be aware, in such a case, the party responsible for blocking off the parking lot would be violating the Constitutionally guaranteed elective franchise of all persons denied access to the polls, as well as the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Help America Vote Act. This may also be a violation of provisions of Election Law Article 17, which may result in criminal penalties. At the very least, in this contentious election, this parking restriction has the appearance of impropriety that damages the public's confidence in our electoral process.

Upon these circumstances, on behalf of the County Board of Elections and the voting public, I request that you immediately open up sufficient parking and handicap accessible parking, adjacent to the Town Hall entrance used for the polling place.

Thank you for your understanding.

Very truly yours,


Thomas E. Humbach
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cc: County of Rockland, Board of Elections
Ramapo Town Attorney